

EXPRESSING SORROW OF THE HOUSE AT THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE NORMAN SISISKY, MEMBER OF CONGRESS FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

SPEECH OF

HON. TIM ROEMER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2001

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, the death last week of our friend and colleague NORM SISISKY claimed one of our great leaders, and took away one of my respected and personal friends in Congress.

NORM symbolized the very best there is in public service. A good family man, NORM was widely respected for his honesty and integrity. He was also one of the most wonderful, witty and funny people I have known.

On the Intelligence Committee, where I had the privilege to serve with NORM, you could always count on him to give everyone a hard time. Whether he was grilling the director of the FBI, or just kidding around with staff, NORM was relentless when it came to dispensing good humor and well-intentioned grief. But he always did so in the most embracing and engaging way. With a sparkle in his eye, NORM always had the unique ability to say the right thing to break the tension and put a human face on our work.

But there was so much more to NORM SISISKY than just his great sense of humor. When it comes to military and national defense matters, there was no one more knowledgeable or more committed than NORM. His expertise in military affairs enabled him to serve both his district and our nation well.

As a member of the Armed Services Committee and the Intelligence Committee, NORM led the fight to improve our nation's military readiness, enhance our national security, and ensure America's leadership in the world. We owe a great debt of gratitude to NORM for his persistent and visionary leadership on defense matters. Clearly, our military and intelligence communities have lost a great friend.

NORM came to Congress after a long and successful career in the private sector. He put his business skills and knowledge to work in many productive ways, especially helping lead the fight for a balanced budget and smaller government. NORM epitomized the kind of public servant our founding fathers had in mind when they wrote the Constitution: a skilled and successful businessman giving back to his community, and leading Congress with his thoughtful and pragmatic advice.

We will miss NORM's knowledge, his leadership and his wonderful sense of humor. Our friend from Virginia made a huge impact in Congress, both as a leader and as a friend. My sympathies go out to NORM's wife Rhoda, their four sons Richard, Mark, Stuart and Terry, and their entire extended family.

COMMENDING THE 3M FOUNDATION FOR ITS PRESERVATION EFFORTS

HON. BILL LUTHER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 3, 2001

Mr. LUTHER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to mention a recent action by a corporation based in my home State of Minnesota that will go a long way toward improving the quality of life of our residents.

On March 20, 2001, the 3M Foundation gave the Nature Conservancy of Minnesota a gift of \$3.2 million to preserve and restore two areas of grassland in the State. Appropriately, it was also the first day of spring. This is the largest gift ever given to the state chapter. The gift will be used to purchase prairie and forest land and to promote community-based conservation efforts. This effort will have a significant and long-lasting impact on Minnesota's wildlife and vegetation. 3M's gift is one that will truly keep giving, offering current and future generations access to some of Minnesota's finest natural treasures.

I commend 3M for its commitment to preserving Minnesota and it is my hope that the good work 3M does will serve as a national example to increase corporate giving and involvement in communities across the country.

THE 15TH NATIONAL DISABLED VETERANS WINTER SPORTS CLINIC

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 3, 2001

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, I recently had the privilege to participate in an extraordinary event, the 15th National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic. This year it was held at Snowmass Village at Aspen, CO. Sponsored by the Disabled American Veterans, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and others, this event provides disabled veterans the chance to engage in various outdoor and indoor sports activities.

More than 300 severely disabled veterans took to the ski slopes, tackled rock climbing, went scuba diving, or played sledge hockey. This wonderful program is much more than a source of fun and athletic challenges; it is designed to assist in the rehabilitation of veterans with severe disabilities. Physical activities are essential to improving physical fitness, refining motor skills, and building self-confidence.

Many of these men and women at one time thought that their disability ended hopes for an active, vibrant life. Instead of viewing their physical condition as a barrier to recreation, these individuals saw the opportunity to overcome the obstacle posed by their disability.

The men and women at the clinic did not dwell on adversity; rather they eagerly engaged in the physical trial of sports. This event demonstrated the courage and abilities of these veterans. It also serves as an inspiration to others to be bold in redefining what the disabled can do.

I had the privilege of being Chairman of the Veterans' Health Subcommittee and I now

serve as its Vice Chairman. I worked with the VA, the DAV, and other wonderful groups in strengthening the services provided to veterans and I look forward to continuing this cooperation. The Veterans are the only group of Americans that have earned their benefits, they didn't just happen to be here, they earned it on the battlefield, they earned it in service to America.

Serving America's veterans mean exploring new options for enhancing their quality of life. The Winter Sports Clinic exemplifies an innovative approach to honoring the men and women who served in uniform.

CONGRATULATIONS STANLEY GWIAZDOWSKI—2001 PAL JOEY AWARD WINNER

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 3, 2001

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to fellow Milwaukeean Stanley Gwiazdowski, the St. Joseph Foundation, Inc. 2001 Pal Joey Award winner. Stan will be honored April 23rd at the annual Pal Joey dinner.

Stan is a worthy recipient of the prestigious Pal Joey Award as he has served his country, church, community and family faithfully for many years. He graduated from St. Hyacinth School and South Division High School. Drafted into the Army in 1941, Stan was chosen to attend infantry officers school at Fort Benning, Georgia. Sent overseas for the first time, Stan joined the 34th Infantry Division in Africa. His later Army assignments led him to units in Italy, North Africa and France. Stan received numerous military honors, including the Purple Heart with two Oak Leaf Clusters. Upon his return to the United States, Stan transferred to the Army Reserves. He retired from the Reserves in 1980, after nearly 35 years of military service to his country.

In 1946, Stan was sworn in as a City of Milwaukee police officer. He proudly served in all of the southside Milwaukee districts and was promoted to patrol sergeant and desk sergeant positions. He retired in May of 1980.

Throughout the years, Stan also found time to serve his community. He is the current secretary of the South Side Business Club, a member of the Milwaukee Society, the St. Josephat Foundation, the secret International Mushroom Pickers Society (IMPS), the Reserve Officers Association and Retired Officers Association.

Stan married Rose Kalinowski in 1946. The couple has been blessed with seven children and 12 grandchildren. An avid sheephead player, Stan is quick with a joke and to volunteer whenever and wherever he may be needed.

It is my distinct pleasure to join Stan's many friends and family members to saluting his many years of service to the Milwaukee community and especially the St. Joseph Foundation, Inc. May God continue to bless you and your family, Stan. Sto lat!

KENT A. "BO" COTTRELL

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDI

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 3, 2001

Mr. TANCREDI. Mr. Speaker, today I want to tell you about a great American who resides in Colorado's 6th Congressional District. Mr. Kent A. "Bo" Cottrell has one of the most diverse and unique histories of any individual that I can think of. He has been, and still is, a fine musician, he has been a police officer, a fund raiser for charities, he has run for elected office and has been elected for multiple terms as the chairman of the Arapahoe County Grand Old Party. Bo has worked for the governor of our great State in a wide variety of positions and ultimately came to rest as part of a unique business venture.

He attended Indiana State University and was promptly drafted to serve his country in 1963 where he served in Europe with the Military Police for two years. Bo went on to serve in the Jefferson County sheriffs office as an investigator in the late 1960s and worked in law enforcement for six years. During that time, he formed and wrote for a musical group known then and now as "The Lawmen," made up of law officers. They toured and even has a hit single called "Darn Good Country" in the DC area which was so popular that the group went to the White House for a visit with President Nixon.

In 1970, a leading local paper in Jefferson County named Bo Cottrell as their pick for the "Man of the Year." His connections in the entertainment industry were leveraged to help Easter Seals in their battle to raise funding and awareness of children's health issues and eventually vaulted him to the Board of Directors for the Make A Wish Foundation where he served as its special events director. He worked together with prominent members of the business and entertainment community to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for charity. He formed Kops and Kids, the Easter Seals Golf Tournament, the Make A Wish Golf Tournament and always strives to better the communities around him.

Due to all of his charitable efforts, in 1990, Bo was presented the "Point of Light" Award by President Bush, Sr., in a White House presentation. In 1996 he was a candidate to the Colorado State House in Arapahoe County and, although he did not prevail, he was soon elected to the position of Chairman to the Arapahoe County Grand Old Party from 1997 until 2001.

Another one of my constituents, Colorado Governor Bill Owens, selected Bo to become a representative on the Parole Board where he presided as Chairman. Bo was soon asked to work with the Colorado Office of Economic Development. In a true expression of his belief in the free-market, Bo gathered his experience dealing with people, both parolees and members of the business community, and began a new and unique business venture. He is now the marketing director of Pure Colorado, a company that bottles our wonderful, and very clean, Rocky Mountain Spring water, and packages it in a unique and innovative way for distribution nationwide.

Bo Cottrell's travels from Military Police officer, to musician, to Marketing Director are diverse and amazing examples in pursuit of the

American Dream. He was a compassionate conservative before anyone had even heard of such a thing, he is a great individual and I consider him a good friend.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to join the Arapahoe County GOP in extending my appreciation to the kindness and good deeds of Mr. Bo Cottrell.

**FORTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF
TUNISIAN INDEPENDENCE**
HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 3, 2001

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the anniversary of the 45th year of independence for the Republic of Tunisia. It was 45 years ago that the Republic of Tunisia was formally established as an independent country. Over the years, Tunisia has forged a strong and solid relationship with the United States that spans beyond bilateral ties to cover issues related to world peace and economic partnership.

The U.S. relationship with Tunisia has survived civil, regional and global conflict. During World War II, Tunisia supported the United States and allied forces as they landed in Northern Africa. During the cold war years, Tunisia established itself as a steadfast ally in the strategically important Mediterranean Sea. As we moved into the post-cold-war years, the Republic of Tunisia has remained a friend and ally of the U.S. and taken steps to develop closer military and economic ties with European allies and NATO.

Today, the Republic of Tunisia continues to make important progress toward democracy by broadening political debate, advancing social programs, developing economic programs encouraging privatization of the banking and financial sectors, and improving the quality of life for its people. Tunisian citizens enjoy universal suffrage, and the nation is considered to be a leader among Muslim nations in safeguarding the rights of women and children. Further, Tunisia has acted as leader and catalyst for peacekeeping missions in suffering countries, contributing military contingents to operations in Cambodia, Somalia, the Western Sahara and Rwanda. Tunisia has also been a voice of moderation in the Arab-Israeli peace process and has called for greater international efforts to fight terrorism.

Tunisia has been a model for developing countries. It has sustained remarkable economic growth, and undertaken reforms toward political pluralism. It has been a steadfast ally of the United States and has consistently fought for democratic goals and ideals.

In commemoration of 45 years of independence for Tunisia, I urge my colleagues to reflect on our strong commitment to Tunisian people, our friends and partners in North Africa.

HONORING ROBERT F. DOLAN, JR.
HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 3, 2001

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate Robert F. Dolan, a life-

long resident of Montgomery County, Maryland and the Head Golf Professional at Columbia Country Club in Chevy Chase, Maryland. On November 10, 2000, he was named the 2000 PGA of American Junior Golf Leader, one of the organization's highest service awards.

Mr. Dolan is a longtime advocate of junior golf and a co-founder of several inner-city youth golf programs. He has always viewed golf as a vehicle for teaching young people the values of discipline, determination, honesty, patience, and good sportsmanship.

The award was given for Mr. Dolan's ongoing work with our nation's youth. Through this dedication, he provides opportunities and experiences for children of all ages and abilities to learn, to play, and to enjoy the game of golf. Mr. Dolan is distinguished by his strength of character, his devotion to service, and his outstanding leadership in junior golf.

Bob's devotion to junior golf programs is reflected in his long history of service. He has worked for many years with the Paul Berry Neediest Kids Get Hooked on Golf Program as an advisory board member, organizer, promoter, and instructor. Since 1996, Bob has been involved as a "Coach the Coaches" instructor, a program he created to work with Washington, D.C. public school coaches on the proper techniques for teaching golf. He has been the Kemper Open Junior Golf Clinic lead instructor since 1991. Bob is also co-founder and instructor for the "Summer in the City" inner-city youth golf program, a four-week instructional program for the youth of Washington, D.C. Bob also serves on the advisory board of the Washington, D.C. First Tee program.

Perhaps his most rewarding contribution, however, is his role as lead instructor at the Special Love/Camp Fantastic Junior Golf Clinic. This is a one-day clinic for children who suffer from cancer, with the golf clinic being the highlight of their retreat weekend.

I congratulate Mr. Robert F. Dolan on this award and his ongoing contributions to junior golf in Montgomery County and the nation. He is a wonderful role model for junior golfers and a true ambassador for the game of golf.

**TRIBUTE TO REAR ADMIRAL
JAMES CUTLER DAWSON, JR.**
HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 3, 2001

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to congratulate and pay tribute to Rear Admiral James Cutler Dawson, Jr., who performed in an outstanding manner as Chief of Legislative Affairs from October 1999 to March 2001.

Rear Admiral Dawson did a fine job during his time in Legislative Affairs. Under his leadership, numerous events and actions surrounding the Navy were expertly managed including ship commissioning, christening, and naming ceremonies; Congressional travel; and official receptions on Capitol Hill. During his tenure, Rear Admiral Dawson also played a key role in working with the Secretary of the Navy and the Chief of Naval Operations to positively affect the future size, readiness, and capabilities of the Navy.